

Art Unit: 2616

1. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Henry Brendzel on 3/2/2006 *and 4/19/2006*.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 line 6, "improvement" has been changed to --- method ---.

Claim 32 has been canceled.

In claim 31 line 3, "and" has been deleted.

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In claim 31 line ⁶~~8~~, "channels. " has been changed to --- channels; and wherein said second plurality is deriving from subdividing each of a selected number of said communication channels into two or more signaling channels . ---.

In claim 33 line 1, "claim 32 " has been changed to --- claim 31 ---.

In claim 34 line 7, "and ' has been deleted.

In claim 34 line 11, "element . " has been changed to --- element; and wherein said enhance signaling channels is deriving from dividing each of a selected number of the communication channels into two or more signaling channels. ---.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANG T. TON whose telephone number is 571-272-3171. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-WED, 5:30 AM-6:00 PM and Thur 5:30-9:30 A.M.